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## Citizens Elect Robert A. Mullinax as Newton's New Mayor

To the Citizens of Newton:

This is my first opportunity to say "Hello" to all the residents of Newton as Mayor of our city, and how proud I am to be part of the new administration. I want both to say I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season and to express my appreciation for the trust which, you, the citizens of Newton, have shown in allowing me to serve you as Mayor. It is very important that I share my belief that all voters who participated in the municipal election and those who offered themselves as candidates - are demonstrating the highest level of citizenship. I am fortunate to be a resident of this community and am grateful that you granted me the privilege of serving on the City Council and as Mayor.

All of us Newtonians should appreciate the dedicated efforts on our behalf by the out-going Council, and we all anticipate a productive, citizen-based approach to the work that lies ahead for the newly elected Council. I am going to gain insight and wisdom in how best to fulfill my obligations from the two Council Members who have served terms as Mayor before me, Tom Rowe and Wayne Dellinger. Likewise, I look forward to experiencing a new perspective from the newly elected member, Tom Dixon, and current Council Members, Al Gaither and Roy Johnson, as we develop our new Council. I also look forward to meeting the challenges of serving our residents and taxpayers as your elected officials work with the city's professional staff. From the man who rakes your fallen leaves into the vacuum truck hose, the police officer at the corner, the firemen ready to act on a moment's notice, the woman who writes the receipt for payment of your utility bill, the City Council Member and myself, we are here to serve.

As we enter into this New Year, I encourage each of you to attend council meetings to observe and offer your insight and opinions. Soon appointments will be made to various citizens committees and boards. If you are interested in participating by serving, please contact City Hall or me at the numbers below. Personally, I feel very strongly a heritage of public service to my fellow citizens. My parents taught me pride in my hometown. Let us all resolve for this New Year to show our "Hometown Pride" and to be willing to serve. I want you to know that I am available to you when you have ideas and suggestions about continuing to improve our city. You are welcome to contact me through calling City Hall (828) 465.7400 or my law office (828) 466-0462.

# *City Hall News*

## **ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

Bootsie Roberts, Public Information Director

### **Citizens Elect New Mayor and Two New City Council Members**

Mayor Robert Mullinax was elected to serve a four year term. Eight candidates filed for three seats on the City Council during the November 4<sup>th</sup> election. Newton voters elected veteran and former Mayor, Wayne Dellinger, incumbent Tom Rowe, and newcomer Thomas Dixon to replace incumbents Tim Elliott and Revonda Seitz. During the December 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, Anne Stedman was appointed to fill the vacant seat on the Council which was occupied by Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Robert Mullinax. Council Member Tom Rowe was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem.

### **Anne Stedman Appointed By City Council**

Anne Stedman, owner and Inn Keeper of the Trott House Inn, appointed to fill the two-year vacancy left by former Council Member and Mayor Pro Tem Robert Mullinax. Photo provided by the Observer News Enterprise.

### **Outgoing Council Members and Mayor Presented Plaques of Appreciation**

Mayor Wayne Dellinger presented to former Council Members Tim Elliott and Revonda Seitz, plaques of appreciation for their dedicated service to the City and to the citizens of Newton.

Mayor Mullinax presented former Mayor Wayne

Dellinger with a plaque of appreciation for his dedicated service as Mayor.

# *City Hall News*

## **ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT**

Bootsie Roberts, Public Information Director

### **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and “A Time To Remember” Luminary Display**

Anne Stedman, Chairperson for the City of Newton Festival and Events Committee, opened the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony with a warm welcome on one of the coldest nights of the season so far. Many gathered with great expectations of the event following a holiday prayer by the Reverend Dan Martin. Tidings of great joy and fun were made as children waited for the arrival of Santa Claus. Everyone enjoyed free hot chocolate and cider provided by the Catawba Valley Rotary Club as the Christmas Music and entertainment began with the Concordia Praise Band, the Sanders' Family Christmas Cast, Ethel Cunningham, Executive Director of Kings Kids, Startown School Chorus, Margie Butterfield, Director, Carolina Piedmont and Soldiers Reunion Queens, and the Word of Life Choir, Tina Robinson, Director. Special thanks and appreciation are extended to all the people who assisted, Catawba Valley Rotary Club, Catawba Valley Zodiac Club, Corriher Implement, Wayne Dellinger, Terry and Kim Beal, Jean Danaher and the Carolina Style Chorus, the Green Room Express, and to all the City of Newton employees and members of the Newton Appearance Commission who provided time and dedication to assist with the holiday decorations and Santa's arrival. Thanks to the Festival and Events Committee for a great event. The Festival and Events Committee Members are: Anne Stedman, Julie Gaither, Kathy Unverfehrt, Mike Sherrill, Rick Setzer, Susan Wicklin, Gina Abernethy, Kim Lutz, Sandra Waters, and Revonda Seitz.

The annual “A Time To Remember” luminary display was held in conjunction with the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony to provide a full evening of family fun and a moment of remembrance for deceased loved ones. There were 2,831 names (2,336 in Eastview and 495 in Central) placed on memorial boards in the cemeteries. Many people viewed the board at Eastview as they took hay rides through the cemetery. The memorial board was appropriately placed where riders could just stop and read the board. Both luminary tours were a success. The luminary display is sponsored annually by the Newton Appearance Commission. The members are: Nancy Killian, Lori Barbour, Lora Dellinger, Jim Sprinkle, Mary Yoder, Chair, Peggy Seitz, Pat Simmons, and Tim Elliott. Thanks to all the volunteers from the community who helped prepare for the luminary display.

### **New Newton Post Office Holds Open House**

State and local officials, Mayors and City Councils, visitors, and citizens of Newton attended the official open house of the new Newton Post Office on Thursday, November 13, 2003. Postmaster Larry Isenhour opened the ceremony by thanking those who were responsible in planning the ceremony and participating in it. Best wishes were extended on behalf of the City of Newton and its citizens by former Mayor Wayne Dellinger. Refreshments were served and tours were provided upon request. Postmaster Isenhour extends his appreciation to the citizens of Newton for their support and patience during the move and transition of the post office operations.

# City Hall News

## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sandra Waters, Parks & Recreation Director

### January, February, March Events

#### January

TBA	SWAC 2-Ball
Jan. 5	Midget Basketball League Begins
Jan. 5 - Jan.30	Youth Baseball/Softball Registration for Residents & Returning Players
Jan. 5 - Jan. 30	Youth Volleyball Registration for Residents & Returning Players
Jan. 5 - Jan. 30	Youth Soccer Registration for Residents & Returning Players
Jan. 6	Bantam Basketball League Begins
Jan. 19 - Feb. 16	Introduction to Baseball Officiating

#### February

TBA	ASA Umpires Clinic
Feb. 2 -28	Black History Essay Contest
Feb. 2, 4	NYSSA Coaches Clinic, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Year
Feb. 2 - Feb. 27	Youth Baseball/Softball Registration for Late Residents and Non-Residents
Feb. 2 - Feb. 27	Youth Volleyball Registration for late Residents & Non-Residents
Feb. 2 - Feb. 27	Youth Soccer Registration for late Residents & Non-Residents
Feb. 5	NYSSA Coaches Clinic, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year
Feb. 9	Industrial Softball Organizational Meeting
Feb. 9,11,13,15	NYSSA Coaches Clinic, 1 <sup>st</sup> Year
Feb. 12	Senior Citizens Sweetheart Dance
Feb. 20	Men's Industrial Softball Registration Deadline for Returning Tournament
Feb. 20-21	CPO-Certified Pool Operator Course
Feb. 21	Black History Quiz Bowl
Feb. 22	Black Arts Festival
Feb. 23 - Feb. 27	WYAA Midget Boys Tournament
Feb. 23 - F.27	Men's Industrial Softball Registration Deadline

#### March

TBA	ASA Umpire Clinic
TBA	SWAC Basketball Tournament
March 8	Bantam/Midget Baseball Tryouts
March 8-11	"Say No to Drugs" Basketball Tournament
March 9	Little League Tryouts
March 10	Bantam/Midget Baseball Tryouts - Raindate

March 11	Little League Tryouts - Raindate
March 16	Men's Industrial Softball League Begins

For information on locations and times, please contact the Newton Parks and Recreation Department at 828-695-4317 or 828-465-7470.

### **Parks & Recreation Employees Receive Recognition and Awards**

Carol Stiles, Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, has received the State Meritorious Service Award for her exemplary character in professional contributions award and character exhibited in her professional career. This exemplifies the numerous awards and certifications Carol has received such as Risk Sports Management Certification, Youth Sports Administrator, USTA Tennis Instructor, NYSCA Clinician and District Director, American Red Cross First Aid and CPR Instructor, Certified Pool Operator, and the recently acquired Certified Parks and Recreation Professional Certification. "As you can see, Carol is truly an asset to the City of Newton and has brought a high level of professionalism to our department," said Sandra Waters, Parks and Recreation Director.

Brad Martin, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Supervisor, has received his two year certification in Recreation Parks Maintenance from North Carolina State University and his Playground Safety Inspection Certification. "These achievements exemplify his dedication in providing the City with a high level of safe, efficient, and well organized park system." said Sandra Waters, Parks and Recreation Director.

Park systems encompass not only the playgrounds, but all the facilities and equipment. Congratulations to both of these employees for their service to the City and citizens of Newton.

# *City Hall News*

## **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Glenn J. Pattishall, Planning Director/ Assistant City Manager

### **City of Newton Prepares for New Cemetery**

The development of a new City cemetery has begun. Logging crews arrived at the 9-acre site located off of U.S. Hwy. 321 Business South adjacent to the Southside Park on November 17<sup>th</sup>. It will take approximately a week to remove the timber from the site and in March of 2004, it is anticipated that the grading of the site will begin to be followed by installation of necessary infrastructure such as roads, sidewalks, and landscaping. The design was completed earlier this year and an engineering firm, W. K. Dickson, is working on the civil engineering drawings. It is anticipated that the cemetery will be dedicated in the early summer, weather permitting.

## **Happy New Year!**

### **New HANGTAG PROGRAM Implemented for Off-Street Parking in Downtown Newton**

Beginning the first week of November, a new approach to off-street parking began with the issuance of permits and hangtags for business people in the downtown off-street parking lots. The city leases three lots for the express purpose of providing off-street parking for business people in the downtown and their employees, so as to free up on

street parking for customers who are visiting the downtown and doing business. On street parking, there is a two-hour limit and the off-street parking lots are leased at \$10 per space per month and can be used between the hours of 6:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. After 6:00 p.m. and on weekends, parking is free in the off-street lots. The city initially developed a HANGTAG system for two lots, a Red Lot and a Blue Lot. The Red Lot is located at the corner of Main Ave. and Second St. and the Blue Lot is located at the corner of College Avenue and E. Second Street. The city also leases another lot for off-street parking that is located at the corner of Brady Ave. and Second Street which is anticipated to come under the HANGTAG PROGRAM shortly, pending a meeting with the Offstreet Parking Committee in November, 2003.

### **City and Downtown Groups Work On Downtown Improvement Master Plan**

The Downtown Improvement Master Plan Subcommittee or DISC has been working on a Master Plan since November, 2002. The Subcommittee is made up of designated members of the Appearance Commission and the Downtown Newton Development Association, along with City staff. The Subcommittee has been walking the streets and developing ideas for improvements which would include decorative street lighting, hanging baskets, planting areas, brick pavers, crosswalks, landscaping and statuary, as well as appropriate signage. The Subcommittee is working on a plan that will include schematics of improvements along with cost estimates and recommended funding sources. It is anticipated that the plan will be complete and ready for Council consideration in mid-summer of 2004.

# *City Hall News*

## **PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**

Glenn J. Pattishall, Planning Director/ Assistant City Manager

### **Broyhill Property Redevelopment**

The City of Newton has been working with a developer to implement a plan for the redevelopment of the old Broyhill furniture property consisting of 70 acres located off of North College Avenue. This is the site of the old Broyhill Furniture Company. The company closed approximately 2 years ago. The City is investigating the possibility of assisting the developer with an economic development grant that will be tied to job creation. An application is being prepared to submit to the state and a future public hearing will be held to explain the project as well as the grant application purposes. The plan will create approximately 600,000 square feet of floor space including warehousing and distribution, as well as assembly and manufacturing facilities. According to Glenn Pattishall, Planning Director and Assistant City Manager, "redevelopment and adaptive reuse of this site has exciting possibilities for the City of Newton. The area is in a prime location to adaptively reuse the old building. To develop the property to create jobs and tax base, would be a home run for the City. The Planning Commission and staff, as well as the County Economic Development Corporation are working hard to make this a reality."

### **Area Plan for Eastern Loop**

On September 18, 2003, the Planning Commission held an informal drop-in workshop for property owners and citizens interested in a plan that is being developed for the Eastern Loop area stretching from NC Hwy. 16 at Dale Earnhardt Chevrolet North to East 20<sup>th</sup> Street, or McLin Creek Road. The Planning

Commission has been working with the staff to evaluate future demands for development as well as its impact in terms of land use, utilities, and economic development. It is anticipated that the draft plan will be completed in early spring, with a public hearing to follow prior to recommendation to the City Council.

## **Happy New Year 2004**

### City Council Meetings for 2004

January 6, 2004  
January 21, 2004  
February 3, 2004  
February 18, 2004  
March 2, 2004  
March 17, 2004  
April 6, 2004  
April 21, 2004  
May 4, 2004  
May 19, 2004  
June 1, 2004  
June 16, 2004  
July 14, 2004  
August 3, 2004  
August 18, 2004  
September 7, 2004  
September 22, 2004  
October 5, 2004  
October 20, 2004  
November 2, 2004  
November 17, 2004  
December 8, 2004

# City Hall News

## PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Glenn J. Pattishall, Planning Director/ Assistant City Manager

### Richard Crump Hired As Planner

Richard Crump began his duties with the City of Newton on October 13, 2003 as the City's newest planner. Mr. Crump had previously worked in banking for several years, and prior to that for 2 ½ years with the Town of Burgaw as Planning Director. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University with a degree in Community and Regional Planning. His primary responsibilities will be plan review, administering the subdivision regulations and serving as staff to the Subdivision Review Board, address assignment, permitting, code enforcement as well as development consultation and some GIS.

### Planning Commission Meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday each month, 7:30 p.m., in Newton City Hall

The Planning Commission is an advisory board appointed by the City Council. Members representing the extraterritorial planning area are appointed by the Catawba County Commissioners. The Planning Commission reviews and advises the City Council on rezoning application text amendments and other issues which arise that need study concerning development and land use. If you would like to serve on this Commission, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 828.465.7400.

## PUBLIC WORKS AND PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

Marty Wilson, Director of Public Works/Public Utilities

### Martin Wilson, Director of Public Works and Utilities Appointed to NCAWWA/WEA

Martin (Marty) Wilson was elected by his peers to The North Carolina American Water Works Association and The Water Environment Association Board of Trustees at the 83rd Annual NCAWWA/WEA Technical Conference that was held in Greensboro, NC, Nov. 16-19, 2003. His position will represent Water Facility Operators in North Carolina. The NCAWWA/WEA is an Association of Water and Wastewater professionals that provides education and training resources throughout the state. There are 2500 members in North Carolina.

Mr. Wilson, a Catawba County native, is a past president of both the North Carolina Rural Water Association and the North Carolina Waterworks Operators Association. He is a graduate of Granite Falls High School, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute and earned his B.S. Degree in Public Management from Appalachian State University. He currently holds the highest level of state certifications for Water Treatment Facility Operation, Wastewater Treatment Facility Operation, Distribution System Operation, Backflow/Cross Connection Control and Land Application/Residuals Operation.

"It is an honor to serve on the NCAWWA/WEA Board of Trustees," said Wilson, "and I look forward to the opportunity to serve this industry that I have been associated with for over 25 years." Wilson is currently the Public Works and Utilities Director for the City of Newton. He is an active member of the Newton Lions Club and Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ.

# City Hall News

## New City of Newton Telephone Numbers

City Hall .....	465-7400
Police .....	465-7430
Emergency .....	911
Police Communications .....	465-7430
Police Records .....	465-7440
Fire Department .....	465-7450
Public Works Department .....	465-7460
Recreation Department .....	465-7470
<u>After Hours Emergency</u> .....	<u>465-7430</u>
<b>Customer Service Office</b> .....	<b>695-4301</b>
Administration .....	695-4300
Finance .....	695-4301
Information Technology .....	695-4302
Purchasing .....	695-4303
Human Resources .....	695-4304
Planning .....	695-4305
Police Administration .....	695-4306
Police Criminal Investigation .....	695-4307
Police Patrol Division .....	695-4308
Police Records .....	695-4309
Public Works/Utilities .....	695-4310
Public Works/Utilities Administration .....	695-4311
Water Treatment Plant .....	695-4312
Wastewater Treatment Plant .....	695-4313
Fire Station #1 .....	695-4314
Fire Station #2 .....	695-4315
Fire Station #3 .....	695-4316
Recreation Department .....	695-4317

## **Medical Alert Notice!**

The City of Newton Customer Service Office continually updates its "Medical Alert" Customer List. Please contact the Customer Service Office at 828-695-4301 or 828-465-7400, if you have medical equipment in your household or if you know of someone who has medical equipment which requires electricity. Your cooperation is very important to us and YOU. Thank you.

## **Link Your Church!**

The City of Newton would like to offer an opportunity to all City of Newton churches to be linked to the City's website and the City Of Newton be linked to their's. It's a good way to communicate activities from both places and a way to establish good community

relationships. All interested persons are asked to contact the City's Public Information Office at 828-695-4265 or 828-465-7400.

## The City's New Website Address!

[www.newtonnc.gov](http://www.newtonnc.gov)

### City offices will be closed for the Upcoming Holidays

January 1, 2004	New Year's Day
January 19, 2004	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
April 9, 2004	Good Friday
May 31, 2004	Memorial Day
July 5, 2004	Independence Day
September 6, 2004	Labor Day
November 25 and 26 , 2004	Thanksgiving
December 23 and 24, 2004	Christmas

The City of Newton Sanitation Department will pick-up garbage and other sanitation items on ALL HOLIDAYS except **CHRISTMAS DAY**. Citizens will not be without garbage pick-up, it will only be delayed by one day when Christmas falls on a weekday. For additional information, contact Donald Fish, Sanitation Superintendent or Marty Wilson, Director of Public Works and Utilities, at 828.695.4310.

## Living Tree Memorials

Newton Parks and Recreation Department Staff, placed a "Living Tree Memorial" on the grounds of Newton Parks & Recreation Department front parking lot, in memory of Bobby Lee Shook.

Victoria Villas placed a "Living Tree Memorial" on the grounds of Southside Park ( near parking lot) in memory of Jay Truett Dale.

Dorothy Barringer Harmon placed a "Living Tree Memorial" on the grounds of the Westside/Jaycee Park (at the Horseshoe Pit)



in memory of Marshall Harmon.

For information , contact Marcie Winkler at the Newton  
Parks and Recreation Department, 828.695.4317.

# *City Hall News*

## **Know Your City, Be Involved!**

It is our pleasure to introduce you to the City's Boards, Commissions and Committees. The boards, commissions, and committees consist of volunteers from the community who give of their time and ideas to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of Newton. There are seven (7) boards, commissions or committees which are appointed by the City Council. The terms of office of all members of any board, commission, or committee, end on the thirty-first day of March in any given calendar year and the new term shall begin on April 1 in any given calendar year. No member or alternate of any board, commission or committee shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms, plus any unexpired term to which any such member or alternate might be appointed to complete, except the Planning Commission whose members may serve four consecutive terms plus any unexpired term to which they are appointed, unless otherwise specifically provided for in the City Code or other authority creating such board, commission or committee. The boards, committee, and commissions are as follows:

### APPEARANCE COMMISSION

The Newton Appearance Commission makes a careful study of the visual problems and needs of the city and the area comprising the extraterritorial zoning jurisdiction of the City. The commission makes plans and carries out any programs that will enhance and improve the visual quality and aesthetic characteristics of the city and surrounding area. Members are appointed by the City Council.

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board (court-like in nature) which hears appeals and reviews any decision, order, or requirement made which involves administration of the city's zoning ordinance. Members are appointed by the City Council. Members representing the extraterritorial planning area are appointed by the Catawba County Commissioners.

### DOWNTOWN NEWTON DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The Downtown Newton Development Association is a non-profit organization to revitalize the city's downtown area. The Planning Director/Assistant City Manager serves as an ex-officio member and in a support role.

### FESTIVAL AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

The Festival and Events Committee's focus is on planning and implementing events and activities for the citizens of Newton. This committee assists other city commissions and boards in planning and developing other activities throughout the year. Members are appointed by the City Council.

### OFF-STREET PARKING COMMITTEE

The Off-Street Parking Committee advises the City with respect to lot fees, revitalization, parking control and similar matters affecting the downtown off-street parking lots. Members are appointed by the City Council.

### PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

The Parks & Recreation Commission's task is to plan and recommend by regular and special reports, to the City Council, such actions as may be necessary to create and develop an adequate and complete system of parks, playgrounds, swimming facilities and recreation centers. To advise, with the city manager, concerning the supervision, organization, management of parks & playgrounds (and activities thereon), recreation centers, and to recommend such clean and wholesome recreation and amusement for the citizens of Newton. The Parks & Recreation Department maintains five parks, two recreation centers and one swimming complex. Members are appointed by the City Council.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission is an advisory board appointed by the City Council. Members representing the extraterritorial planning area are appointed by the Catawba County Commissioners. The Planning Commission reviews and advises the City Council on rezoning applications text amendments and other issues which arise that need study concerning development and land use.

If you would like to serve on one of these boards, committees, or commissions, please fill out the form below and mail back to:  
The City of Newton, Public Information Office, Post Office Box  
550, Newton, NC 28658. **KNOW YOUR CITY, BE INVOLVED!!**

Name of Board, Committee, Commission. Please list one to three choices in order of priority. [To fill out online, click here.](#)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Work

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Community Highlight*

### **Newton Depot Nears Completion**

The Newton Depot has been a work of progress for over six years. It is near completion and everyone is eager to see the results. The Depot (museum) is going to be a fabulous place for big kids (dads and granddads) and little kids. A museum tour will include a stop to see model trains, a museum room with displays of railroad paraphernalia, a video presentation on railroading, and to top all of that, a snack in the ice cream parlor. After the Depot tour, there will be a real engine on display across the tracks in the back parking lot.

Help us to complete the Depot by purchasing a brick with your or your loved ones name on it to be placed on a walkway at the Depot. By completing the following information and including a check for \$35, we will permanently inscribe the names on a brick. Please mail to: NEWTON DEPOT, Post Office Box 267, Newton, North Carolina 28658.

# *Community Highlight*

## **The Corner Table, Inc. - Nourish Your Soul**

“The Corner Table, Inc., is a soup kitchen outreach ministry provided by the people of our community for the hungry. Its primary purpose is to provide nutritious meals in a comfortable environment for any men, women or children who are in need.” As Bette Midler once said, “People are not the best because they work hard, they work hard because they are the best,” and some of the best volunteers are right here from Newton and Catawba County. Frankie Mosteller, Director of the Soup Kitchen for almost 20 years, realized that for several years they had been feeding people from the Newton-Conover-Maiden areas. One of the Hickory Soup Kitchen Board members came to speak at the monthly meeting of the Newton Ministerial Association and encouraged consideration of starting a soup kitchen in this part of Catawba County. Reverend Beth Lilly felt an immediate passion for looking into this and discussed it with the other clergy and some friends, (and her husband Tom). The Catawba County Valley Rotary Club is where the first announcement of a steering committee to look into this was made, and Lt. Bruce Prestwood, Warren Wilson, John and Mary Wiley, Jim Baker, and Hamp Shuford offered their support. Reverend Brant Hoots offered Trinity Baptist Church as a place to meet. Lt. Bruce Prestwood invited Bill Powell to serve as the attorney, and weekly meetings began. Reverend Lilly met several times with the Board of the Hickory Soup Kitchen, which offered its non-profit status and the assistance of two Board members and their treasurer to get it started. The corporation was formed and named, The Corner Table, Inc. The Corner Table was chosen as the official name for the kitchen because of its location and biblical stories of feeding the hungry. A perfect name in fact, in which the volunteers describe it as being a place of warmth, sincerity, enjoyable, thrilling, touching, satisfying feeling of enormous goodwill and a rewarding experience. The food is donated by churches, businesses, and some individuals. The Corner Table officially opened on January 8, 2002, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Beth Eden Lutheran Church Youth House. Only nine people were in attendance on the first day. The Corner Table currently serves 60-80 people per day in its new location on North Main Avenue. The Corner Table is open Monday - Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with bag lunches given to each participant who attends on Thursday to have food for Friday. Reverend Beth Lilly serves as Board President. “I have a passion for helping others and we thought this was a good thing to do,” said Reverend Lilly. “We have been able to move over from the Youth House to a facility perfect for our needs and we hope to raise the money to buy the building in the next couple of years.” “We need to raise \$130,000 to buy the new building and people from the community have already donated several thousand dollars towards that goal.” Lois Mitchum, the Volunteers Coordinator and Debbie Leatherman, Kitchen Coordinator, assist with the day-to-day operations of the center as well as many great volunteers. “I thoroughly enjoy working at the Corner Table. It just warms my heart to see the interaction with the guests and volunteers,” said Mrs. Mitchum. Several businesses, churches, civic groups, and individuals have held fund raisers and the proceeds were given to the Corner Table. Volunteers are always needed and there are many ways you can help. If you are interested in volunteering or doing a fund raiser, please call 828.464.0355. Also, if you would like to volunteer by bringing food to the center, please call to be scheduled. The Board of Directors and others who have been instrumental in this project are: Reverend Fred Thompson, Jeanette Davis, Reverend Beth Lilly, Lt. Bruce Prestwood, Jim Baker, Mary Wiley, Warren Wilson, Gloria Costin, Ted Brown, John Wiley, Stanford Gabriel, Debbie Cloninger, Nancy Jarrett, Reverend Brant Hoots, Ellen Hunsucker, Barry Wilson, Jeanette Davis, Hamp Shuford, Kat Finger, Vessetta Moss, and Bill Powell. Many thanks are extended to the community for all your support and contributions toward this great project in the City of Newton. “I have enjoyed being in on the start of something new and lasting that lends a heart and a hand to those in need in our community,” said Reverend Lilly.

## CITY MEETINGS

Appearance Commission .....	2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Newton Recreation Center
Board of Adjustment .....	No regular schedule
City Council .....	1st Tuesday and 3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. except July and December (Only one meeting is scheduled in July and December), at City Hall
Downtown Newton Development Association .....	2nd Tuesday, 8:00 a.m., 1924 Courthouse
Festival and Events Committee .....	2nd Monday 7:00 p.m. Newton Recreation Center
Off-Street Parking Committee .....	No regular schedule
Parks & Recreation Commission .....	2nd Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Newton Recreation Center
Planning Commission .....	4th Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., City Hall
Police Advisory .....	1st Monday, 7:00 p.m., Newton Police Complex
Subdivision Review Board .....	2nd Wednesday & 4th Wednesday, 9:00 a.m., City Hall

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## REPORTERS

### MAYOR

Robert A. Mullinax

### CITY COUNCIL

Tom Rowe-Mayor Pro Tem, Roy Johnson,  
Al Gaither, Thomas Dixon,  
Wayne Dellinger and Anne Stedman

### CITY MANAGER

Edward F. Burchins

### CITY ATTORNEY

Larry Pitts

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**SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FROM CITY VOLUNTEERS**

Aileen Simmons, Essie Reinhardt, Pat and Ginger Clark,  
Hannah Scott, Josephine Tyler, Faye Willis, Ruth Wilson, and  
Lois White. Honorary Volunteer: Harper Cilley

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## **The Corner Table, Inc. - Nourish Your Soul**

“The Corner Table, Inc., is a soup kitchen outreach ministry provided by the people of our community for the hungry. Its primary purpose is to provide nutritious meals in a comfortable environment for any men, women or children who are in need.” As Bette Midler once said, “People are not the best because they work hard, they work hard because they are the best,” and some of the best volunteers are right here from Newton and Catawba County. Frankie Mosteller, Director of the Soup Kitchen in Hickory, realized that many attendees in the Hickory facility were from Newton and that Newton needed a facility of its own. Volunteers from the community held meetings to discuss the concept of a Soup Kitchen for Newton. All meetings were positive and everyone involved was eager to get started. A steering committee consisting of local ministers from the Ministerial Society, Lt. Bruce Prestwood, Tom Lilly, Reverend Brant Hoots, Attorney Bill Powell, Ellen Hunsucker, and others; and after hearing a presentation by Rev. Pat Pierce, put their thoughts and talents together to establish the concept for a soup kitchen for Newton. The Hickory Soup Kitchen gave \$5,000 to get started and the Corner Table, Inc., which is known as the off-spring of the Soup Kitchen in Hickory, NC, was created. The Hickory Soup Kitchen continued to manage the treasure for the Corner Table until it received its 501(c)(3) status on May 17, 2002. The Corner Table was chosen as the official name for the kitchen because of its location and biblical stories of feeding the hungry. A perfect name in fact, in which the volunteers describe it as being a place of warmth, sincerity, enjoyable, thrilling, touching, satisfying feeling of enormous goodwill and a rewarding experience. The food is donated by churches, businesses, and some individuals. The Corner Table officially opened on January 8, 2002, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at the Beth Eden Lutheran Church Youth House. Only nine people were in attendance on the first day. The Corner Table currently serves 60-80 people per day in its new location on North Main Avenue. The Corner Table is open Monday - Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with bag lunches given to each participant who attends on Thursday to have food for Friday. The new facility was purchased by Tom and Beth Lilly, where Beth serves as Director. “I have a passion for helping others and we thought this was a good thing to do,” said Beth. Lois Mitchum, the Volunteers Coordinator and Debbie Leatherman, Kitchen Coordinator, assist with the day-to-day operations of the center as well as many great volunteers. “I thoroughly enjoy working at the Corner Table. It just warms my heart to see the interaction with the guests and volunteers,” said Lois Mitchum, Volunteer Coordinator. Some businesses, churches, civic groups, and individuals have held fund raisers and the proceeds were given to the Corner Table. Volunteers are always needed and there are many ways you can help. If you are interested in volunteering or doing a fund raiser, please call 828.464.0355. Also, if you would like to volunteer by bringing food to the center, please call to be scheduled. The Board of Directors and others who have been instrumental in this project are: Reverend Fred Thompson, Reverend Jeanette Davis, Beth Lilly, Bruce Prestwood, Jim Baker, Mary Wiley, Warren Wilson, Gloria Costin, Ted Brown, John Wiley, Stanford Gabriel, Debbie Cloninger, Nancy Jarrett, Reverend Brant Hoots, Ellen Hunsucker, Barry Wilson, Jeanette Davis, Hamp Shuford, Kat Finger, Vessetta Moss, and Bill Powell. Many thanks are extended to the community for all your support and contributions towards this great project in the City of Newton.